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Disposition of Claims		
4) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-37</u> is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>27-37</u> is/are with 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-26</u> are subject to restriction and	ndrawn from consideration.	
Application Papers		
9) The specification is objected to by the Exact 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) Applicant may not request that any objection to Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the county The oath or declaration is objected to by the	accepted or b) objected to o the drawing(s) be held in abeyon orrection is required if the drawing	ance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). g(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for for a) All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority docu 2. Certified copies of the priority docu 3. Copies of the certified copies of the application from the International B * See the attached detailed Office action for	ments have been received. ments have been received in priority documents have bee ureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	Application No n received in this National Stage
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

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1. Upon reconsideration of applicant's comments, filed 3/10/04, that the claims recited in Groups I and II are drawn to the use of a compound (i.e. anti-PSGL L antibody) that results in the death of a T cell (or NK cell), the previous Restriction between Groups I and II has been withdrawn.

Applicant's election of Groups I and II (claims 1-26) and the species of autoimmune disease and type I diabetes in the reply filed on 3/10/04 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement between Groups (I and II) and III / IV, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

. Claims 27-37 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to the non-elected Inventions.

- 2. Upon a review of the claims and the specification, this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed Invention I (previously Groups I and II): wherein the
  - A) anti-PSGL-1 antibody alone or
- B) anti-PSGL-1 anitbody <u>and</u> an agent that binds to the monoclonal antibody and induces the cross-linking of a plurality of PSGL-1 antigens on the surface of the T cell are both administered.

These species are distinct because the methods rely upon different ingredients and modes of actions of administering anti-PSGL-1 antibodies alone or in combination with a cross-linking agent.

In addition, applicant is invited to identify the <u>agent</u> that binds to the monoclonal antibody and induces the cross-linking of a plurality of PSGL-1 antigens on the surface of the T cell in the specification as filed.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1 and 17 are generic, for example.

3. Applicant is advised that a response to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. M.P.E.P. § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the

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inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of the other invention.

- 4. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.
- 5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).
- 6 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gambel whose telephone number is (571) 272-0844. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841.

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